

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 3 of the Specification with the following amended paragraph:

| FIG. 1 is a partial cross-sectional view of a conventional absorbent article comprising a core incorporating a tissue having multiple folds.

Please replace the second paragraph on page 3 of the Specification with the following amended paragraph:

| FIG. 2A is a partial cross-sectional view of an exemplary embodiment of an absorbent article, according to aspects of this invention, comprising a core incorporating a superabsorbent polymer.

Please replace the third paragraph on page 3 of the Specification with the following amended paragraph:

| FIG. 2B is a partial cross-sectional view of another exemplary embodiment of an absorbent article comprising a core layer incorporating SAP, with the core layer being a folded sheet.

Please replace the fifth paragraph on page 3 of the Specification with the following amended paragraph:

| FIG. 4 is a partial cross-sectional view of yet another exemplary embodiment of the present invention.

The original Abstract is replaced with a clean copy of the Abstract as submitted herewith.